

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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wherein an opening/closing-side end face of said shutter plate is closed substantially parallel to said card transporting path at said closing position, and said opening/closing-side end face of said shutter plate is moved, by said drive source, substantially parallel to said card transporting path.

25. (Amended) The shutter opening/closing mechanism according to claim 21, further comprising a card trap member detection mechanism, wherein said mechanism includes a detecting part connected to said drive source, and a microswitch connected to said detecting part, wherein said shutter plate is prevented from moving into said closing position when a card trap member is detected, thereby preventing said microswitch turning on.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

**Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and  
replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:**

A card reader is provided with a card transporting mechanism wherein the trailing end of a card as viewed in a card transporting direction is brought into contact with a first card engaging/holding member moving in a card transporting direction, and the card is transported by the first card engaging/holding member. The card transporting mechanism includes a carriage movable in the card transporting direction, and the first card engaging/holding member is mounted so that the first card engaging/holding member is movable between a first position where the first card engaging/holding member comes in contact with the trailing end of the card and a second position where the first card engaging/holding member does not come in contact with the card.